

of going straight to college. Instead, Kevin moved to Idaho and joined the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation where they had a program for kids taking a gap year. There he met and worked with his current ski coach for 2 years before applying to the University of Utah. He went to the University of Utah for 4 years, winning a national title his senior year.

After 3 years on Team USA, he made his first Olympic cut earlier this year and will be headed to Beijing as a first-time Olympian.

Congratulations, Kevin Bolger, and best of luck.

BIDEN LETTERS ON AFGHANISTAN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on August 26, remarks regarding the terrorist attack at the Kabul, Afghanistan, airport, with the murder of 13 American servicemembers, the Commander in Chief stated that military leaders have contacted him, "... usually by letter, saying they subscribe to the mission as designed...."

That evening, I sent the first of four letters to the White House asking for all letters referenced, with no reply. The decision to withdraw U.S. forces from Afghanistan abandoning Americans has been correctly identified by President Donald Trump as the worst foreign policy disaster ever for American families. This leads to murderous attacks over open borders into America.

Where is the American media on this crucial issue of the claimed Afghanistan letters?

Sadly, no response from the White House reveals admission of no letters.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism moves from the safe haven in Afghanistan to America.

ANSWERS ON RFS TARGETS

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, biofuels drive the rural economy and strengthen our energy security. Two weeks ago, President Biden's agriculture Secretary suggested it was unfair of me to suggest that he wasn't doing enough for biofuels.

This week, the Biden EPA announced that they are delaying RFS deadlines, which creates uncertainty for American farmers. Instead of putting American farmers first, the Biden administration is pushing Chinese batteries and Green New Deal policies.

The Biden administration must stop creating uncertainty for the biofuels industry and misleading our farmers about support for biofuels. We need

clear answers from the Biden administration on RFS blending targets.

BIOECONOMY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4521) to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 22 OFFERED BY MS. JAYAPAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 22 printed in part D of House Report 117-241.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer amendment 22 as a designee of Congressman JAMAAL BOWMAN.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II of division D, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . REPORT ON IMPACT OF SANCTIONS ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION THAT ADDRESS THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress as follows:

(1) The climate crisis is the single biggest health threat facing humanity and unprecedented levels of global cooperation and collaboration are necessary for basic security provided by equitable access to food production, access to fresh water, habitable ambient temperature and ocean food chains.

(2) The frequency and severity of extreme weather events, such as wildfire, cyclones, floods and droughts are increasing worldwide, significantly impacting the environment, and displacing people from their homes, resulting in growing numbers of climate refugees.

(3) Substantially scaling up a range of investments to address the climate crisis, including development assistance and green tech transfer, are necessary to meet the goal of limiting global warming to not more than 1.5 degrees Celsius.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Energy, shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(1) describes the impact of United States sanctions on opportunities for innovation that address the climate crisis and promote environmental justice;

(2) describes the impact of sanctions on climate diplomacy and low-carbon development assistance; and

(3) identifies barriers to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on fossil fuels caused or exacerbated by United States sanctions.

(c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form.

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—For purposes of this section, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 900, the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I first want to offer my congratulations to the chairwoman of the committee for this very, very important piece of legislation.

Madam Speaker, I rise today as the designee of Congressman JAMAAL BOWMAN to offer this amendment. The climate crisis is the single biggest threat facing humanity, and if we are going to address it at the scale needed to limit global warming to not more than 1.5 degrees Celsius, we are going to have to work together. We are going to need unprecedented levels of global cooperation and collaboration to meet everyone's basic needs, including food, clean water, and keeping the communities we call home habitable.

At the same time, we increasingly rely upon sanctions as a key foreign policy lever. The material impact of sanctions is known to undermine the human rights of civilians who can get cut off from access to basic needs, often the same basic needs that are threatened by the very climate crisis, as we see increasingly more frequent extreme weather events.

This amendment would simply require the State Department to issue a report in coordination with the Department of Energy on the impact that sanctions have on our ability to be innovative in addressing the climate crisis and economic justice. This will give us important information as we seek to create and craft sanctions or understand the impact of sanctions and decide not to use them.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I claim time in opposition.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to amendment 22. I believe this amendment will undermine our ability to appropriately deal with human rights abuses and aggressions towards the United States.

This amendment would require the Secretary of State in coordination with the Secretary of Energy to submit a report to Congress on how U.S. sanctions are affecting our ability to adapt to climate change and promote environmental justice, among other things.

First, let me remind my friends across the aisle that we are meant to be discussing the competitiveness bill today, not a climate bill. This bill is meant to address the Chinese Communist Party's growing aggression and